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RUENHO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW 1926  
RUSBAE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 7425  
RUMHR/AMEMBASSY TEHRAN 8493  
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E.O. 12865: GDS 9/28/85 (FLATIN, BRUCE A.) OR-M  
TAGS: PEPR, PINS, AF, CU  
SUBJ: (S) IRANIAN INTEREST IN POSSIBLE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN  
AFGHANISTAN

REF: TEHRAN 18224 (NOTAL)

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE MISSION AT KABUL IS NOT AT THIS TIME AWARE OF ANY CUBAN PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN OTHER THAN THE REGULAR STAFF AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THIS CITY. THERE ARE NOT EVEN ANY CURRENT AFGHAN RUMORS ABOUT A "CUBAN INVOLVEMENT" HERE.

3. AS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER YAZDI'S QUESTION ABOUT "CUBAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL," THIS "INFORMATION" MAY DATE BACK TO LATE 1978, WHEN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS FIRST TRIED TO CHECK OUR REPORTS THAT "CUBAN TROOPS" WERE IN AFGHANISTAN. AT THAT TIME, OUR PAKISTANI COLLEAGUES TOLD US THAT THEY HAD HEARD THAT "SOME CUBAN ARMY DOCTORS" HAD BEEN VISITING VARIOUS AFGHAN UNITS AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO VERIFY THIS -- BUT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY AT KABUL MIGHT HAVE REPORTED THE STORY TO TEHRAN.

4. THIS EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PASSING OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO YAZDI. AMSTUTZ

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